IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION

No. 7:06-CR-00050-F-2 No. 7:16-CV-00124-F

MICHAEL KINDOCE BLACKMAN,)	
Petitioner,)	
v.)	ORDER
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Respondent.)	

This matter is before the court on Michael Kindoce Blackman's Motion to Vacate, Set

Aside, or Correct Sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 [DE-265]. Having examined

Blackman's motion pursuant to Rule 4(b) of the Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, the

United States Attorney is DIRECTED to file an Answer pursuant to Rule 5, Rules Governing

§ 2255 Proceedings, or to make such other response as appropriate to the above-captioned § 2255 motion within forty (40) days of the filing of this order.

Blackman asserts a challenge based on *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015), and he previously qualified for appointed counsel. Sherri R. Alspaugh with the Office of the Federal Public Defender has been appointed to represent Blackman pursuant to Standing Order No. 15-SO-2 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 16, 2015).

SO ORDERED.

This Zaday of June, 2016.

JAMES C. FOX

SÉNIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE